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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Previously Presented) An antibody against a fusion polypeptide comprising a histidine portion, wherein said antibody is directed against said histidine portion and wherein said histidine portion comprises 6-18 histidine residues.
2. (Previously Presented) The antibody of claim 1, wherein said antibody is a polyclonal antibody.
3. (Previously Presented) The antibody of claim 1, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
4. (Previously Presented) The antibody of claim 3, wherein said antibody is deposited under ACC 2207 with DSM (German-type culture collection for microorganisms).
5. (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of the polyclonal antibody of claim 2, comprising:
  - (a) immunizing an animal with a histidine fusion polypeptide; and
  - (b) collecting said polyclonal antibody from the serum of said animal.
6. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 5, wherein a mixture of different histidine fusion polypeptides is used for immunization.
7. (Withdrawn) A method for detecting a fusion polypeptide having a histidine portion, comprising:
  - (a) incubating said polypeptide with the antibody of Claim 1, 2, 3, or 4; and
  - (b) detecting the antibody in a detection reaction.

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8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein the detection reaction is selected from the group consisting of Western blot, ELISA, immunofluorescence, and immunoprecipitation.

9. (Withdrawn) A process for the preparation of the monoclonal antibody of claim 3, comprising;

- (a) immunizing an animal with a histidine fusion polypeptide;
- (b) fusing the animal's spleen cells with myeloma cells to generate hybridoma cells; and
- (c) obtaining said monoclonal antibody form said hybridoma cells.

10. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 9, wherein a mixture of different histidine fusion polypeptides is used for immunization.